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SUBJECT: UGANDA - REPORTING BY FRG EMBASSY; CONTINGENCY
PLANNING

REF: A) BONN 20478; B) BONN 17267

1. EMBASSY BONN MAY CONVEY TO AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN
THROUGH FONOFF DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR
HIS LATEST REPORT ON UGANDAN CONDITIONS FORWARDED IN
REFTEL A. REPORT PROVIDED PRECISELY KIND OF OVERVIEW AND
ON-SCENE COMMENTARY THAT WASHINGTON COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR
PERSPECTIVE IN WHICH TO APPRAISE OTHER FRAGMENTARY
INFORMATION FROM UGANDA. ELLERKMANN'S CONTINUING SENSI-
TIVITY TO AMERICAN INTERESTS IN UGANDA REFLECTED IN THIS
AND FRG EMBASSY'S OTHER EFFORTS ON OUR BEHALF ARE GRATIFY-
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ING AND REFLECT VERY WELL ON CLOSENESS OF US-FRG UNDER-

STANDING.

2. REGARDING CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AND OTHER INTERESTS IN UGANDA IN EVENT OF DETERIORATION IN SECURITY CONDITIONS AND/OR GOU-FRG RELATIONS (REFTEL B):

A. EMBASSY NAIROBI SHOULD PROVIDE EMBASSY BONN WITH ITS LATEST LISTING OF AMERICANS KNOWN TO BE RESIDENT IN UGANDA FOR PASSING TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA. EMBASSY BONN SHOULD ASK FRG FONOFF TO SUPPLY ANY UPDATING INFORMATION RESULTING FROM REVIEW OF LISTING BY FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA.

B. EMBASSY NAIROBI SHOULD DESIGNATE LIAISON OFFICER TO WORK WITH FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA ON CONTINGENCY E AND E PLANNING INVOLVING AMCITS IN UGANDA. THIS OFFICER WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO KAMPALA, BUT WOULD HANDLE NAIROBI-BASED ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHERWISE COORDINATE AS NECESSARY WITH FRG COUNTERPARTS. IF NAIROBI CONCURS, BONN SHOULD SUGGEST TO FRG FONOFF THAT FURTHER DETAILED COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BEST BE HANDLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN NAIROBI AND KAMPALA VIA FRG EMBASSY NAIROBI, WITH FONOFF AND DEPARTMENT KEPT INFORMED AS NECESSARY.

C. CONTINGENCY PLANNING DISCUSSIONS SUGGESTED BY ELLERKMANN IN NAIROBI (PARA 2C, REFTTEL B) BETWEEN MEMBER OF HIS STAFF AND EMBASSY NAIROBI LIAISON OFFICER MIGHT USEFULLY BE TIMED SO AS TO COINCIDE WITH FEBRUARY VISIT TO NAIROBI OF KENYA/UGANDA DESK OFFICER RICHARD BAKER. THIS WOULD PERMIT MORE GENERAL EXCHANGE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN UGANDA IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING. WE WOULD STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT IF AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN OR EMBASSY NAIROBI BELIEVE CONTINGENCY PLANNING DISCUSSIONS CAN/SHOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO FEBRUARY, THIS CONSIDERATION CLEARLY TAKES PRIORITY IN TIMING DECISION.

D. DEPARTMENT HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION QUESTION OF ALTERNATE PROTECTING POWERS FOR USG INTERESTS SHOULD FRG BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. WE BELIEVE CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT EITHER COUNTRY MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN, EGYPT OR SAUDI ARABIA, WOULD BE SATISFACTORY PROTECTING POWER FOR US INTERESTS. WE DO NOT CURRENTLY PLAN CONTACT WITH EITHER GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, AND WOULD EXPECT TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH FRG SHOULD FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS MAKE SUCH A MOVE APPEAR ADVISABLE. WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN'S HAVING BROUGHT THIS POSSIBILITY TO OUR ATTENTION. KISSINGER

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